Architectural / Historical Inventory
Fitchburg

Area Survey Form No. G Rockville & Vicinity

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Area G Form 700

819 River Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	700

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 819 River St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner William A. Tuikka

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XX1

3. Description:

Date c. 1840

Source Style

Style Federal

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick, asbestos shingle rear

Outbuildings (describe) Garage

Other features Leaded glass lights flanking door

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 13,845 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 77'

Approximate distance of building from street 15'±

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Same

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This Federal style house adds to the architectural and visual character of this area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area G Form 701

4 Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
G	701

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XX1

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 4 Ashburnham St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Eunice D. Grenier

3. Description:

Date c. 1840's

Source Style

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Rear garage

Other features

Altered Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ____ Over one acre ____ 15,251 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street 15'+

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Same

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a good example of a Greek Revival style house, similar to its neighbor at 14 Ashburnham St (G-702). This house adds to the visual quality of the area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area G Form 702

14 Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
G	702

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XXI

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 14 Ashburnham St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner George E. Gamache

3. Description:

Date c. 1840's

Source Style

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Carport

Other features Granite retaining wall in front

Altered Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 15,224 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 86'

Approximate distance of building from street 15'+

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a good example of a Greek Revival style house. This house adds to the visual quality of this area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area G Form 703

Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	703

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Ashburnham St.

Name West Fitchburg School

Present use School

Present owner City of Fitchburg

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VI, VI

3. Description:

Date 1890

Source 1969 Sanborn Map

Style Richardsonian Romanesque

Architect Henry M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Arched doorway, and other details

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x (70,336 sq. ft. (2 schools))

Approximate frontage 500'

Approximate distance of building from street 50'+

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use School

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a good example of a Richardsonian Romanesque style building designed by Henry M. Francis. This is one of the most attractive schools in the city.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Plans with C. Kimball Francis

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Area G Form 704

32 Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	704

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 32 Ashburnham St. School

Name Ashburnham St. School

Present use Vacant

Present owner City of Fitchburg

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1/1

3. Description:

Date 1860

Source p. B-12, Sentinel, 20 Dec. 1938

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Classical porches added later, designed by H.M. Francis & Sons

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size 70,336 sq. ft (2 schools)

One acre or less ____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 500'

Approximate distance of building from street 50'±

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use School

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Vacant

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a substantial and attractive building. It adds greatly to the attractive character of this area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. B-12 Sentinel, 20 December 1938

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Area G Form 705

27 Fairview Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	705

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 27 Fairview St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Frederick T. Heap

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XX1

3. Description:

Date c. 1870

Source Style

Style Mansard

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos siding

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Tower, and Victorian details

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less ____ Over one acre ____ 10,405 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 100'+

Approximate distance of building from street 20'+

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was the residence of Francis F. Farras, a carpenter and builder , who may have built this house. The architecture of this house is very Victorian and on the top edge of a steep hill overlooking the area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

1895 City Directory
1895 Map

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Area G Form 706

172 Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
G	706

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XVI

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 172 Ashburnham St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner John C. Hess

3. Description:

Date c. 1752?

Source Date on house which is questionable

Style Colonial saltbox

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Attached

Other features Central chimney

Altered Date

Moved ? Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 7,356 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 125'±

Approximate distance of building from street

40'±

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a good example of a colonial saltbox in good condition. This house adds to the visual quality of this area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Area G Form 707

189-191 Ashburnham Street, 195 Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
G	707

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 189-191 Ashburnham St.
195 Ashburnham St. - barn

Name Col. Ivers Phillips house

Present use Residence

Present owner Peter G. Capodagli
Barn-Wesley W. and Clare L. Withington

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XXI

3. Description:

Date c. 1850

Source The City and the River

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Barn-now apartments

Other features Monolith Granite Columns

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size #189-91 - 11,088 sq. ft.
#195 - 12,848 sq. ft.

One acre or less ____ Over one acre ____

Approximate frontage 73' and 78'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'+

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Col. Ivers Phillips

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was built by Col. Ivers Phillips (1805-1900), a woolen manufacturer. One of his mills and his home went down the river in the flood of 1850. In defiance of the Nashua he then built the imposing Greek Revival, brick house. This is one of the most important buildings on this inventory for its architecture and history. He was also a teacher in Fitchburg schools; contractor and builder; enthusiastic and prominent in military affairs; member of the Mass. Senate; prominent railroad manager; president of the Fitchburg & Worcester Railroad. Late in his life he moved to Boulder, Colorado and was president of the First National Bank of Boulder. He married Abigail Rebecca Richardson of Leominster in 1869. This house was later owned by Mr. Works.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 31, The City and the River
p. 164, Fireside Legends
p. 152, Fitchburg Past and Present, 1903 ed.
p. 257-258, Fitchburg Historical Society Proceedings, Vol.IV.

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Area G Form 708

239 Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
G	708

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number XX1

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 239 Ashburnham St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Miss Ruby E. Murch and Alfred E. Murch

3. Description:

Date c. 1847

Source The Three Paned Window

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick, wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) attached barn

Other features 3 paned windows, beautiful porch

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 21,299 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 237'

Approximate distance of building from street 10'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Same

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is an excellent example of a Greek Revival house in excellent condition. This house adds to the visual quality of this area.

10. Bibliography and or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

The Three Paned Window - 1953-1954, by Barbara C. Crocker

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Area G Form 709

261 Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
G	709

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 261 Ashburnham St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Catherine I. McCarthy

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XX1

3. Description:

Date c. 1880 with older house on site

Source Style

Style Queen Anne Cottage

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Barn and small older house

Other features

Altered No Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 43,560 sq. ft. Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 312' on Ashburnham St. ~~243' on Sanborn St.~~

Approximate distance of building from street

10'+

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Same

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social/ humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is an excellent example of a Queen Anne style cottage. This house adds to the visual quality of this area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Area G Form 710

391 Ashburnham Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	710

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 391 Ashburnham St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner M. Harold Johnstone

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XX1

3. Description:

Date c. 1850

Source The Three Paned Window

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Wood Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Attached barn

Other features 3 paned windows

Altered Date

Moved Date

Lot size

One acre or less ____ Over one acre 3.53 ac.

Approximate frontage 330'

Approximate distance of building from street 15'±

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	____	Conservation	____	Recreation	____
Agricultural	____	Education	____	Religion	____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	____	Science/ invention	____
The Arts	____				
Commerce	____	Industry	____	Social humanitarian	____
Communication	____	Military	____		
Community development	____	Political	____	Transportation	____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This house adds to the visual quality of this area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

The Three Paned Window · 1953-1954 · by BARBARA C. CROCKER

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Area G Form 711

212-218 Sanborn Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	711

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 212-218 Sanborn St.

Name

Present use Apartments

Present owner Robert W. Bode

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number X 1

3. Description:

Date c. 1850

Source Style

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Built as workers' housing

Altered Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 19,602 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 90' on Sanborn St. ~~173' on Westminster Hill Rd.~~

Approximate distance of building from street

10'± from both streets

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) May have been Ivers Phillips

Original use Workers' housing

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Apartments

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was built as attractive, Greek Revival style workers' housing. There were many buildings similar to this on Sanborn St. which have been torn down. This shows an important aspect of the development of this area with mills and workers' housing built close together.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area G Form 712

Westminster Hill Road

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	712

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Westminster Hill Rd.

Name Nagy Spring

Present use Industrial

Present owner Nagy Spring

3. Description:

Date c. 1850

Source

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick and wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) all connected

Other features Built over Phillips Brook

Altered Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less Over one acre 2.34 ac.

Approximate frontage 168' on Westminster Hill Rd. 484' on Sanborn St. 20' on Ashburnham St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' from Westminster Hill Rd.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is an attractive mill building. This older mill shows an important element of the physical development of this area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Area G Form 713

Ashburnham Street (Baltic Lane)

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	713

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Ashburnham St. (Baltic Lane)

Name Mill #5 Crocker Technical Papers

Present use Industry

Present owner Crocker Technical Papers

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number XXI

3. Description:

Date Many Dates

Source

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick, etc.

Outbuildings (describe) All attached

Other features Site includes a falls, ravine, scenic views, and stone walls

Altered Yes Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size

One acre or less ____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 20' on Ashburnham St.
144' on Westminster Hill Rd.
477' on Sanborn St.

Approximate distance of building from street

Varies

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Ivers Phillips(?)

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry	x	Social, humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was the old Baltic Mill and became the Fitchburg Manufacturing Co. in 1890 with an additional new building. Fitchburg Manufacturing Co. was founded by Samuel E. Crocker and later run by Edward S. Crocker. The upstream portion was the old Lyon Mill. The Lyon Mill, at one time a silk mill, was built by Moses G. and B.E. Lyon in 1853, and purchased by Crocker/Burbank in 1869.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 30, Sentinel, 18 June 1892
p. B-3, Sentinel, 20 December 1938

Area G Form 714

48 Sanborn Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	714

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 48 Sanborn St.

Name

Present use Residence

Present owner Frank J. Gallo

3. Description:

Date pre 1851

Source The Three Paned Window

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Barn

Other features Fluted Doric columns on porch

Altered Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size

One acre or less 19,074 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 117'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'±

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) Zeke Davis ?

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Davis family owned a stone mill (with stone from Rollstone Hill) on Phillips Brook. They manufactured balla eyes to cut sugar cane. This was later bought by Simonds.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

The Three Paned Window - [illegible] by Suzanne [illegible]

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area G Form 715

2 Vernon Court and Vernon Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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In Area no.	Form no.
G	715

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 2 Vernon Ct. and Vernon St.

Name West Fitchburg Methodist Church

Present use Church

Present owner West Fitchburg Methodist Church

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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3. Description:

Date 1883

Source p. 3, Sentinel, 12 May 1883

Style Stick Style/Gothic/Queen Anne

Architect Henry M. Francis

Exterior wall fabric Wood

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Date

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 20,237 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 64' on Sanborn St. 173' on Westminster St. 146' on Vernon St., 139' on Vernon Ct.

Approximate distance of building from street Varies

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) Same

Original use Same

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	x
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a very attractive church designed by Henry M. Francis. It sits on a small hill overlooking Westminster St. The architectural quality of this Church is excellent. The ground was broken in late summer 1882 and the earlier (c. 1880) chapel was moved back and placed at right angles to its previous location.

The modified gothic style has external features which suggest the architecture of Queen Anne's time. The cost was $11,000. $3,500 was contributed by manufacturers of West Fitchburg. Land was given by Crocker/Burbank Co. Carpenter work was by Francis F. Farrar.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 3, Sentinel 12 May 1883
p. 67 Sentinel 23 March 1912

Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area G Form 716

33 Institute Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	716

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 33 Institute St.
Rectory - 22 Cottage

Name Sacred Heart Parish

Present use Church and Rectory

Present owner Sacred Heart Parish

3. Description:

Date 1878 Church, 1880's Rectory
c. 1890 School

Source p. 22 Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

Style Gothic

Architect Father Carrigan?

Exterior wall fabric Stucco, was wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Rectory and school

Other features

Altered Yes Date ?

Moved No Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 500'+ on Cottage St.
400'+ on Institute St.

Approximate distance of building from street

Varies

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Same

Original use Same

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The church is a good example of a small Gothic Church. Father Carrigan of St. Bernards prepared a set of plans for a building for this parish.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

1904 Souvenir of the Jublee Celebration of Sacred Heart Parish, June 6-12, 1904, p. 27

p. 350, Fitchburg in 1885, A. Mason

p. 22, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

Area G Form 717

185 Westminster Street

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
G	717

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 185 Westminster St.

Name West Fitchburg Fire Station

Present use Vacant

Present owner City of Fitchburg

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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3. Description:

Date c. 1860

Source Style

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features

Altered Yes Date ?

Moved No Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 10,000 sq. ft. Over one acre

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street

5'±

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use Fire Station

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce		Industry		Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development	x	Political		Transportation	

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is an attractive brick building. It adds to the environment of this area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)